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Commencement Week In Tucumcari Schools

The Most Successful School Year In the History of the City Closed Friday Evening With Graduating Exercises.

THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES TWO

The first school commencement was enjoyed by the people of the community took place this week, the exercises being continued at intervals since last Friday evening. To state that the occasion has been one of great moment to the pupils, teachers, parents and friends of our city Schools would be putting it mildly. In truth a great deal of honest enthusiasm and satisfaction has been expressed by all at the splendid progress along all lines made in our schools during the past year, as demonstrated in the exercises held this week by the different departments of the high school.

The townspeople showed their interest by attending the exercises in large numbers and by their words of praise and commendation for the good programs rendered. This commencement has indeed been an occasion of which the community may well be proud and for the first commencement of the High School every detail has been carried out with remarkable success.

The regular exercises of the week were inaugurated on last Friday evening with the Commercial Department contest in which two medals for general proficiency and speed were trophies. The evening's program was opened with an orchestral selection which was enthusiastically received, the popularity of the orchestra continuing with unabated enthusiasm throughout the entire commencement. Superintendent Hoffer followed this with an appropriate and interesting opening address and announcements of the week's programs. Prof. Henderson of the Commercial Department then gave an instructive talk on stenography, showing his methods and his line of work.

Then the feature of the evening, in which unusual interest has been displayed, was introduced and consisted of two contests for general proficiency in typewriting and special speed tests in dictation and transcription.

In the general typewriting contest, an exceedingly valuable and handsome gold medal has been offered for the best work by the Remington Type Writer Company. Six pupils from the commercial department had been selected at the primary trial for this contest. They were Alice Chapman, Rose Simpson, Nora Waggoner, Virgil Cowart, John Pring, Charles Parker. Seated on the stage at their typewriters, the fifteen minute test which consisted of copying matter with which they were unacquainted, was made by these pupils in full view of the spectators. The method employed was the Touch system, "blind keys" being used. The two leading contestants made a close race. Alice Chapman copying 670 words with but 24 errors, while Rose Simpson wrote 610 words, making 34 errors. Alice Chapman was therefore declared the winner of the Remington gold medal. The judges of this contest as well as of the speed contest were Rev. G. R. Varney and Mr. Royal A. Prentiss.

In the special speed contest for dictation and transcription a silver medal had been offered by Prof. Henderson, who had charge of the commercial department. The pupils taking part in this contest were Rose Simpson, Alice Chapman, Virgil Cowart, John Pring, Oliver Puett, and Chase Parker. A die-scribed letter, transcribed directly on the machine and a one-minute speed test resulted in Miss Rose Simpson making the highest score which entitled her to the silver medal.

These tests showed conclusively the splendid progress made by the pupils of the Commercial Department, and as a new work in our schools is proving of untold benefit to our schools and our community. To Prof. Henderson much credit is due for his good work along these lines.

The Baccalaureate services were held on Sunday at eleven a. m. in the Center Street Methodist church, Rev. J. F. Hedgpeth, delivering the annual sermon and an interesting musical program being rendered by the pupils of the Glee Club. The Baccalaureate sermon fol-

DANIEL THE DETERMINED*
Baccalaureate Sermon preached to the Class of 1911, Tucumcari High School at the Center St. Methodist Church, Sunday, April 30, 1911.

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself—." Daniel 1:18.

Man is the noblest study of man, God has made him the chief object of His divine compassion and concern. The greatest scientists have been those who have studied the problems that most nearly affect mankind. The most skilled artists have been those who could best portray the face and form divine, or

could make the warm glowing thoughts and burning passions of the mind and heart seem to live again on the dull lead canvas. He has been the most perfect poet who has sung best the songs of sorrow and of service found in human hearts.

The training you have received at the hands of competent instructors, and that which you shall acquire in days to come will be of real and lasting value, only as it is applied to the relief of human needs, the enlightenment of human ignorance and the perfection and development of human ideals and conditions. It follows, therefore, that a wise and even study of the biography ought to be full of sublime interest and lasting value. More and more am I convinced that a thoughtful and earnest study of the lives and loves, the faults and failures, the ambitions and achievements of great and good men and women will result in an uplift and upbuilding of character.

Bright and undimmed in the shining galaxy of saints and sages gleams the name of the modest and manly Daniel. His was a success, unmarrred by meanness, littleness or bigotry. His was an achievement that was based on service and not selfishness. Compared with the standards of success too prevalent today, Daniel's conquest of self and unfavorable surroundings, looks like the conquest between the flower of chivalry and the vulgar forms of the corrupt and most brutal hell-belling. The goal of worldly success and political and social preferment has often been set out to you. But, alas! too much of the advice given to you has been unworthy of the highest ideals and purest conceptions. Real success can only be measured in terms of SERVICE and not of SELFISHNESS. Daniel's goal of success was not the favor of the King nor the high office of vice-president in a mighty Empire, but it was the strength of character that made him deny the lusts of the flesh and the sensuous idli-stry of his age. The consummation of your worthiest ideal and ambitions shall not be in wealth that breeds abuse nor in ease that gentry vice, but the real crown of life is the development of the highest and truest type of self-forgetful service for God and the sake of.

What were the elements of REAL victory and success in the life of Daniel, that we may well consider and emulate?

He was greater than the circumstances of his day and time. Daniel had none of the pleasant and helpful surroundings that are yours today. He was a captive of a despised and conquered race. He lived in an age of gross superstition and deep spiritual darkness. His own race was largely given over to the vices and crimes of their heathen captors. Like all truly great men, his strength and determination was not a matter of favorable environments, but the result of his choice of the highest and holiest. Your surroundings are happy and helpful indeed. There flows in your veins the healthy and heroic blood of pioneer forefathers and saintly sires of long ago. You live in an age of enlightenment and gigantic enterprise. You have the chance to develop a civilization free from the weakness, the abuses and conducting conveniences of older civilizations at home and abroad. You are the heirs of all that is best in other days, the inheritors of the Christ-like character, fidelity and useful progenitors.

Yours is the undeveloped resources of the coming Empire of the Southwest. The muted dynamics of the new and startling developments in physical mechanics, and the dim world of physical realities; yours the infinite and immeasurable possibilities of a redeemed and christianized race.

What will you do with your heritage? How will you spend your legacy? Do you appreciate the enormous responsibility that goes with these things? Such priceless and blood-bought heritage be sold for a mess of pottage or so stillized and improved that God's kingdom shall come and His will be done on earth as it is done in heaven? I can not answer. I can only labor and pray that you may use the wealth of power and possibility in the name and spirit of death—"I came not to be served but to serve and to give my life."

Daniel was greater than the crass and sensual appetites of the body. His was a life of simplicity and sobriety. He honored the body given him as the "temple of the Hold Ghost." One of the great dangers of this age, in spite of its boasted superiority, is its immature and intemperate habits in all things. We eat too much, we work incessantly, we indulge in all kinds of questionable amusements with an extreme abandonment that means a depraved taste and a perverted good. Daniel was not a "food drunk," but he understood that moderation and self-restraint were necessary to the highest good.

You will have graver problems to meet than your sires have ever known. Many of the greatest and gravest questions of Christian civilization are yet unsolved. The forces of many ages are

being focused in your life, the dangers and demands of unnamed and unnumbered races are heating like unlimed sea waves around your lives. There are fierce fights for cleanliness and decency that will engross you, there are wars to be waged, not with sword or gun, but with patient prayer and heroic service.

To meet the multiple duties and demands of the age and be able to cope with them faithfully and fearlessly, you will need a clear eye, an unruffled nerve, the optimism of a good digestion and the cool calculations of an unclouded brain. Sobriety, simplicity and self-restraint will pay unheardof dividends in efficiency as well as in happiness.

RACCALAUREATE—TWO

When you are ready to lay down your body to rest and to enter into the life that is made in the image of the invisible, may your prayer be the prayer of old Wendell Holmes:

"Oh, Father grant thy grace divine.

To make these mystic temples Thine. When wasting age and wearying strife Have spared the leaning walls of life, When darkness gathers over all;

And the last tottering pillars fall;

Take the poor dust Thy mercy warms

And mold it into heavenly forms."

Daniel was loyal and faithful to the highest ideals that were his. He did not pose as a reformer. He was not an anarchist nor a grouch, cranky hobby rider. He was a loyal and patriotic citizen of that heathen empire. The moral revolution he brought about in the life of the King was by a quiet and unobtrusive fidelity to the right as he knew it. He sought no office, yet when political prestige came, is why he used it to glorify God and bring a knowledge of the One True Jehovah to the race with which he was connected. It should please me very much if one of you or all of you should become reformers, powerful preachers, sweet singers or worthy workmen, but my greatest desire for you is that you should be unswervingly loyal and true to the highest ideals that come to you in every phase of life. The world is not in need of blood-spattered heroes and self-advertised prophets and reformers, half as much as it is need of strong, sturdy, and self-forgetful fidelity to cleanliness, righteousness and Godliness in the homely walks of a scheduled every day life.

Daniel kept an open mind and heart. The world where you live is just as pregnant with the possibilities of heroism and prophetic insight as the far away age where Daniel moved like a shining star in the dense darkness. There are tangled lives that need straightening by contact with the divine, as Daniel unraveled the mysteries of human hearts and crumbling empires of the flesh and the sensuous idli-stry of his age. The consumption of your worthiest ideal and ambitions shall not be in wealth that breeds abuse nor in ease that gentry vice, but the real crown of life is the development of the highest and truest type of self-forgetful service for God and the sake of.

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While the flaming visions of the prophets may not be yours, the revelation of the divine in nature, in your own consciousness, in the needs and experiences of the race and in the subtle whisperings of the Holy Spirit that beg more to lead us into ALL THE TRUTH. When ever reverent and devout science has uncovered one of the hidden lays of God's physical universe, there blazes the bush unburned and there we may stand with bowed head and unshamed countenance. Ark to hear God calling to service, as he called to Moses of old. Wherever there shines in human hearts the patience tried by passing pain or the joy born of self-surrender, there gleams a shekinah more glorious than that which in the ancient Ark of the Covenant. When a human voice sings for God and to cheer and war humanity the gift of tongues is here once more, and every heart that is stitiae with love for God and holy innocence for man rejoices in the wonder of the vision of War and of the Future?"

The judges on this delegation were Mrs. E. P. Donohoue, Hon. H. H. McElroy and Rev. C. F. Luens. Mrs. Donohoue presented the medals in a very graceful little speech in which she commended highly the work accomplished in the High School as shown by the evening's program. The winners of the honors each displayed careful preparation and some degree of talent, the declaimers capturing the honors were: "Our Lady of the Mines," "The American Flag," "The Polish Boy," and "A Vision of War and of the Future."

On Thursday evening the Piano Recital of Miss McKenna's music pupils was given in the auditorium and was a very interesting and pleasing occasion. It was indeed a pleasure to witness the splendid work done in this department of the school work as evidenced by the piano numbers of these pupils. From the tiny tot of six or seven to the advanced students the work was all good and showed careful training. The little girls who were especially applauded were Winnie Weaver and Doris Whitmore. The work of Miss Shelley was of a high order and her numbers were greatly enjoyed by the musical people present. The piano number of Estelle Erskine and the vocal selection by Mr. Crane were also well received. The orchestra as on previous occasions was heartily applauded and all who attended felt well repaid.

The most momentous occasion of the entire commencement was the closing program which included the graduating exercises of the High School and this occasion was especially interesting from the fact that it witnessed the first presentation of the first diplomas to a graduating class of the Tucumcari High School.

The High School Auditorium was fittingly decorated with a blending of the school colors of purple and gold and the class colors of pink and green, the decorations further enhanced with cut flowers and foliage. The evening's program was opened with a selection from the orchestra followed by a musical number, "Graduation Song" by the Girls' chorus. The two girl graduates, Misses Nora Waggoner and Alice Chapman, then gave their graduation essays, the subject of the former being, "Significance of the Two Hague Conferences" and of the latter "Opportunity and Responsibility." Both essays were well delivered and reflected great credit on their writers.

After another orchestral selection the speaker of the evening, Dr. George R. Varney, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, delivered an address to the graduating class. The subject of this fine address was "The Making of a Life" and Dr. Varney delighted the large assemblage of people with his polished delivery and splendid thought.

Chicago Girls vs. Railway Team, 3:30,

North of Depot.

CHICAGO GIRLS WILL PLAY BALL HERE TOMORROW

The Windy City Girls Will Show Our Railroad Crack Nine How to Play the Na-

tional Game.

Say, fellows, those Chicago Girls are here today. The whole aggregation un-

ited here yesterday from the sand

dunes of Arizona, and they are a likely

looking set of corn fed, too, and may

lose the spheres to a fare you well.

If you belong to the set of fellows

who believe that girls can do nothing

but sing hash and do the work around

the house, why be on hand when the

umpire hollers "play ball" tomorrow

afternoon (Sunday) and see if you haven't missed your guess.

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JUST FISHING

Wm. Patty, Tom Flatt, Sheriff Frank

Ward and John Valentine are a party

of fishermen on the Canadian since

Thursday.

The exercises of the evening were

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derson should due credit be given for our splendid High School Orchestra. Perhaps the numbers which were received most enthusiastically were the opening march, the cornet-saxophone duet by Norval Jones and Crawford Williams, the waltz, "Sweet Evening Bells," and "La Paloma" by the Orchestra. The violin solo by Raymond Perkins ("Angels' Serenade") was pronounced unusually good and rendered with much feeling and expression.

The Glee Club entered itself with glory and the last number "The High School Spring Song" adapted to the popular air was unanimously applauded and encored, as was also the mixed choir "The Bulldog and the Bull frog."

Perhaps the event that aroused the greatest interest and enthusiasm and afforded an outlet to the strong school and class spirit of the entire student body of the High School was the First Annual Contest of the Kappa Klan and the Literary societies for supreme supremacy.

This contest took place on Wednesday evening in the High School Auditorium which had been elaborately decorated with the colors of the two societies by their respective committees in honor of the occasion. On one side the Cioas displayed their colors of red and black flying pennants, crepe paper, floral decorations and gorgeously lettered designs; while on the opposite side crimson and white, the colors of the Kappa Klan Society, were strongly in evidence. Each society was seated in a body on its respective side, and the cells, class songs and applause of these "routers" was indeed inspiring to the contestants.

The Glee Club and orchestra furnished several enjoyable musical numbers, the duet sung by Miss Willie Parker and Miss Rose Simpson being especially well received. Eight boys and girls selected from the preliminary contest of the two societies to represent them, named the candidates for the honors of declamation. Those who entered from the Cioas society were Celia Shearer, Lois Varney, Oscar Croftord and Roy Varney; the contestants from the Kappa Klan society were Maple Neafus, Alice Chapman, Charles Parker and Earl Gerhardt. Their selections were all good and exceedingly well given, the judges declaring that it was a difficult task to select the winners from so much fine material. The result of their decision gave first places to Maple Neafus and Oscar Croftord, who were awarded handsome gold medals; second places were won by Celia Shearer and Charles Parker, to whom were given equally handsome silver medals.

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This bond issue has been voted by the people with the understanding that the water service is to be extended without increase of rates to the consumer and that a genuine fire protection is to be had, public parks built and maintained, etc. Now lets don't quit, but keep close watch of the expenditure of public money and demand that we get what we pay for. Among some of the improvements we have a right to expect, may be mention made more taps in the residence district, more fire plugs, and the reconstruction of a portion of the mains to insure sufficient pressure in the business section. A steel water tank must be built. It may be a fact that we cannot have all these immediately, but the most important should be begun at once.

The vote stood 275 for waterworks bonds and 17 against. The bids for the sale of the bonds will be opened on May 18th, and it is believed the bonds will, like all others put on the market by this city, sell above par.

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